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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to application 10/035,518 originally filed on October 30, 2001. Claims 1-29 are now pending in the present application.

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Amendments

The preliminary amendment dated October 8, 2002, has been determined to be fully supported by the application as originally filed on October 30, 2001, and has been made of record.

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Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on the following dates are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and are being considered by the Examiner:

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November 17, 2003,

January 27, 2003, and

June 11, 2002.

Claim Objections

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Claim 18 is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 3 of claim 18 states "orientation or one compass module relative to the other". The Examiner will interpret this as reading "orientation of one compass module relative to the other". Appropriate correction is required.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1, 2, 8-13, 16, 19, 20, and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Langer (US #5,581,930.)

Regarding claim 1, Langer teaches a remote viewing apparatus with relative directional indication, comprising:

- (a) an image capture device (figs. 4B and 4C indicator 70; col. 11 lines 36-49);
 - (b) an image display device communicatively associated with said image capture device for receiving and displaying imagery data transmitted from said image capture device (col. 12 lines 36-55); and
- (c) a relative direction indicator communicatively associated with said image capture device and said image display device for indicating a directional orientation of said image capture device relative to a directional orientation of said image display device (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Regarding claim 2, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 2 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), including wherein said relative direction indicator includes means for indicating a viewing direction of said image capture

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device relative to said directional orientation of said image display device (col. 6 lines 49-51.)

Regarding claim 8, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 8 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), including wherein said image display device is movable (col. 12 lines 36-38.)

Regarding claim 9, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 9 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), including wherein said relative direction indicator provides a visible indication of a viewing direction of said image capture device relative to said directional orientation of said image display device (col. 6 lines 46-51.)

Regarding claim 10, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 10 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), including means for displaying on said image display device operational information relative to said image capture device other than said directional orientation thereof (col. 5 lines 19-28; col. 12 lines 46-52.)

- Regarding claim 11, Langer teaches a remote viewing apparatus with relative directional indication, comprising:
 - (a) an image capture device (figs. 4B and 4C indicator 70; col. 11 lines 36-49);
- (b) an image display device communicatively associated with said image
 capture device for receiving and displaying imagery data transmitted from said
 image capture device (col. 12 lines 36-55); and

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(c) a relative direction indicator communicatively associated with said image capture device for indicating a viewing direction of said image capture device relative to a known movable directional orientation (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Regarding claim 12, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 12 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 supra), including wherein said image display device is movable (col. 12 lines 36-38), and an established directional orientation of said image display device constitutes said known movable directional orientation from which said relative viewing direction of said image capture device is determined (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Regarding claim 13, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 13 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 <u>supra</u>), including wherein an established directional orientation of said image display device determines said known movable directional orientation from which said relative viewing direction of said image capture device is determined (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Regarding claim 16, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 16 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 supra), including wherein said relative direction indicator provides a visible indication of said viewing direction of said image capture device relative to said known movable directional orientation (col. 6 lines 49-54.)

Regarding claim 19, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 19 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 supra), including means associated with said image capture device for providing indication of operational information relative to said image capture device (col. 5 lines 19-28; col. 12 lines 46-52.)

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Regarding claim 20, Langer teaches a remote viewing apparatus with relative directional indication, comprising:

- (a) an image capture device (figs. 4B and 4C indicator 70; col. 11 lines 36-49) having a first compass connected thereto (col. 6 lines 42-45);
- (b) an image display device communicatively associated with said image capture device and having a second compass connected thereto (col. 6 lines 46-54); and
 - (c) a relative direction indicator communicatively associated with said first and second compasses, said relative direction indicator including means for determining and indicating the relative directional difference between the respective headings of said first and second compasses (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Regarding claim 23, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 23 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 20 supra), including teaching a temperature sensor (col. 5 lines 19-22) and a pressure sensor (col. 5 lines 12-14) carried by said image capture device (fig. 1 indicator 15) for determining and displaying the temperature and depth of said image capture device on said image display device (col. 7 lines 3-10; col. 12 lines 50-52.)

Regarding claim 24, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 24 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 10 supra), including teaching wherein the temperature at said image capture device (col. 5 lines 19-22) is displayed on said image display device (col. 7 lines 3-10.)

Regarding claim 25, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 25 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 10 supra), including teaching wherein the depth of said

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image capture device (col. 5 lines 12-14) is displayed on said image display device (col. 7 lines 3-10.)

Regarding claim 26, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 26 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), including a pressure sensor carried by said image capture device for determining depth of said image capture device (fig. 1 indicator 15; col. 5 lines 12-18.)

Regarding claim 27, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 27 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 19 supra), including a water pressure sensor located at said image capture device for determining the depth of said image capture device under water (fig. 1 indicator 15; col. 5 lines 12-18) and displaying the depth on said image display device (col. 7 lines 3-10.)

Regarding claim 28, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 28 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 supra), including wherein said image capture device includes a pressure sensor (fig. 1 indicator 15; col. 5 lines 12-14.)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 3 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langer (US #5,581,930) in view Barbour (US #4,855,820.)

Regarding claim 3, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 3 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), except for explicitly teaching a remote viewing apparatus with relative directional indication wherein said relative direction indicator is constructed and arranged to overlay a graphical representation of said directional orientation of said image capture device within said imagery data being displayed on said image display device. However, Langer does teach overlaying enhancement display options as they relate to the plurality of corresponding sensor signals (col. 12 lines 46-52.)

Barbour teaches a remote viewing apparatus with relative directional indication wherein a relative direction indicator is constructed and arranged to overlay a graphical representation of a directional orientation of an image capture device within imagery data being displayed on an image display device (fig. 4 indicator 66, indicating North on the display; col. 6 lines 3-31.) In light of the teachings in Langer and Barbour, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to overlay a graphical representation of

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the directional information on the display of the remote viewing apparatus as a way to visually correlate supplemental information related to the information already provided by the image display, allowing a user to easily associate a viewing direction of a camera with the image being viewed, in relation to the device on which it is being viewed.

Regarding claim 14, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 14 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 13 supra), except for explicitly teaching wherein said relative direction indicator is constructed and arranged to display on said image display device an indicator of said viewing direction of said image capture device relative to said established directional orientation of said image display device. Although Langer does teach indicating a viewing direction of an image capture device on an image display device relative to the viewing direction of the image capture device and a directional orientation of the display device (col. 6 lines 42-54), as well as overlaying enhancement display options as they relate to the plurality of corresponding sensor signals (col. 12 lines 46-52.)

Nevertheless, Barbour is found to teach use of an indicator when providing directional orientation in relation to a remote viewing device (fig. 4 indicator 66, indicating North on the display; col. 6 lines 3-31.) In light of the teaching of Barbour, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the relative direction indicator to be constructed and arranged to display on an image display device an indicator of a viewing direction of an image capture device relative to the established directional orientation of the image display device of the remote viewing apparatus as taught

by Langer. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to combine these teachings in order to indicate a viewing direction of said image capture device on an image display device by means of an indicator, relative to the direction of the image display device.

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Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langer (US #5,581,930) in view Barbour (US #4,855,820), further in view of Examiner's Official Notice.

Regarding claim 15, Langer and Barbour teach all the limitations of claim 15 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 14 supra), except for teaching wherein said viewing direction indicator is composed of a peripherally disposed graphical arrow that is rotatable about the perimeter of said image display device.

However, Barbour is found to teach a peripherally disposed indicator that is rotatable about the perimeter of said image display device (fig. 4 indicator 66.)

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Official Notice is regarding the use of arrows to indicate direction; a navigational and orienteering concept that is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ an arrow as the peripherally disposed viewing direction indicator that is rotatable about the perimeter of said image display device of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Langer and Barbour, so that the arrow, disposed to avoid visual overlap of the central area of the image being displayed, may be utilized to symbolically indicate a forward facing direction of the camera.

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Claims 4 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langer (US #5,581,930) in Examiner's Official Notice.

Regarding claim 4, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 4 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), except for explicitly teaching wherein said relative direction indicator includes means for determining the difference between a viewing direction of said image capture device and said directional orientation of said image display device, and indicating said viewing direction of said image capture device on said image display device based on the difference between said viewing direction of said image capture device and said directional orientation of said display device. Although Langer does teach indicating a viewing direction of an image capture device on an image display device relative to the viewing direction of the image capture device and a directional orientation of the display device (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Official Notice is taken regarding determining a relative direction by determination of the differences between two given directions, using one of which as an established reference direction; a mathematical and a navigational concept that is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to establish a relative direction by determination of the differences between two directions, as a way to determine an association between two given directions. Furthermore, in light of the teachings in Langer and Examiner's Official Notice, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the means of the relative direction indicator as taught by Langer, to determine a

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relative direction by determination of the differences between two directions in order to indicate a viewing direction of said image capture device on an image display device, relative to the direction of the image display device.

Regarding claim 22, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 22 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 20 supra), except for explicitly teaching wherein said relative direction indicator is constructed to indicate a viewing direction of said image capture device relative to a known directional orientation of said image display device, based on the relative directional difference between said first and second compasses. Although Langer does teach indicating a viewing direction of an image capture device on an image display device relative to the viewing direction of the image capture device and a directional orientation of the display device (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Official Notice is taken regarding determining a relative direction by determination of the differences between two given directions, using one of which as an established reference direction; a mathematical and a navigational concept that is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to establish a relative direction by determination of the differences between two directions, as a way to determine an association between two given directions. Furthermore, in light of the teachings in Langer and the Examiner's Official Notice, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the relative direction indicator of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Langer to be constructed to indicate a viewing direction of the image capture device

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relative to a known directional orientation of an image display device, based on the relative directional difference between said first and second compasses, so that a user may readily associate a viewing direction of a camera with the image being viewed, in relation to the device on which it is being viewed.

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Claim 5, 7, 17, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langer (US #5,581,930) in view of Gygax et al. (US #4,482,255.)

Regarding claim 5, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 5 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 1 supra), except for teaching wherein said relative direction indicator includes an electronic compass module mounted on each of said image capture and said image display devices. Although Langer does not teach the use of electronic compass modules, Langer does teach the compass modules being mounted on each of said image capture and said image display devices (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Nevertheless, Gygax is found to teach electronic compass modules (col. 3 lines 18-43.) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include electronic compasses as taught by Gygax, with the relative direction indicator of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Langer. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would have been motivated to make this combination so that directional information could be obtained in an electronic format, which could then be employed to determine a

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directional orientation of said image capture device relative to a directional orientation of said image display device.

Regarding claim 7, Langer and Gygax teach all the limitations of claim 5 (see the 103(a) rejection to claim 5 supra), including wherein each said electronic compass module includes a pair of orthogonally-mounted compass sensors (col. 3 lines 18-43.)

Regarding claim 17, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 17 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 supra), except for teaching wherein said relative direction indicator is comprised of a pair of electronic compass modules, one said compass module being carried by said image capture device, and the other said compass module being carried by said image display device. Although Langer does not teach the use of electronic compass modules, Langer does teach the compass modules being carried by each of said image capture and image display devices (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Nevertheless, Gygax is found to teach electronic compass modules (col. 3 lines 18-43.) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ the electronic compasses modules as taught by Gygax, as the electronic compass modules of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Langer. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would have been motivated to make this combination so that directional information could be obtained in an electronic format, which could then be employed to determine a directional orientation of said image capture device relative to a directional orientation of said image display device.

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Regarding claim 21, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 20 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 20 supra), except for teaching wherein said first and second compasses are comprised of electronic compass modules, each of which includes a pair of orthogonally disposed compass sensors. Although Langer does not teach the use of compasses comprised of electronic compass modules or where each includes a pair of orthogonally disposed compass sensors, Langer does teach the compass modules being carried by each of said image capture and image display devices (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Nevertheless, Gygax is found to teach electronic compass modules, each of which including a pair of orthogonally disposed compass sensors (col. 3 lines 18-43.) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ electronic compass modules as taught by Gygax, as the electronic compasses of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Langer. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention would have been motivated to make this combination so that directional information could be obtained in an electronic format, which could then be employed to determine a directional orientation of said image capture device relative to a directional orientation of said image display device.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langer (US #5,581,930) in view of Gygax et al. (US #4,482,255), further in view of Examiner's Official Notice and Barbour (US #4,855,820.)

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Regarding claim 6, Langer and Gygax teach all the limitations of claim 5 (see the 103(a) rejection to claim 5 supra), except for teaching wherein said relative direction indicator calculates the difference between the magnetic heading of said electronic compass module on said image capture device and the magnetic heading of said electronic compass module on said image display device, and displays a graphical representation on said image display device of a viewing direction of said image capture device relative to said directional orientation of said image display device, based on said calculated relative directional difference there between. Although Langer does teach indicating a viewing direction of an image capture device on an image display device relative to the viewing direction of the image capture device and a directional orientation of the display device (col. 6 lines 42-54), as well as overlaying enhancement display options as they relate to the plurality of corresponding sensor signals (col. 12 lines 46-52.)

Official Notice is taken regarding calculating a relative direction by taking the difference between two given directions, using one of which as an established reference direction; a mathematical and a navigational concept that is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to calculate the difference between the magnetic headings of the electronic compass modules on the image capture device and on the image display device, via the relative direction indicator as taught by Langer and Gygax, in order to indicate the

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relative position of the image capture device on the display device as provided for by Langer (col. 6 lines 42-54.)

Further, Barbour provides a teaching of the overlay of a graphical representation onto an image display (fig. 4 indicator 66, indicating North on the display; col. 6 lines 3-31.) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine overlay of a graphical representation of directional information onto the image display device of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Barbour, to indicate a viewing direction of the image capture device relative to a directional orientation of an image display device, based on the calculated relative directional difference there between as taught by Langer, Gygax and the Examiner's Official Notice. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to combine these teachings as a way to visually correlate supplemental information related to the information already provided by the image display, allowing a user to easily associate a viewing direction of a camera with the image being viewed, in relation to the device on which it is being viewed.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langer (US #5,581,930) in view of Gygax et al. (US #4,482,255), further in view of Examiner's Official Notice.

Regarding claim 18, Langer and Gygax teach all the limitations of claim 18 (see the 103(a) rejection to claim 17 supra), except teaching wherein said relative direction indicator is constructed and arranged to calculate the difference

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between the magnetic directional orientation or one compass module relative to the other, for use in determining said viewing direction of said image capture device relative to an established directional orientation of said image display device. Although Langer does teach indicating a viewing direction of an image capture device on an image display device relative to the viewing direction of the image capture device and a directional orientation of the display device (col. 6 lines 42-54), as well as overlaying enhancement display options as they relate to the plurality of corresponding sensor signals (col. 12 lines 46-52.)

Official Notice is taken regarding calculating a relative direction by determination of the differences between two given directions, using one of which as an established reference direction; a mathematical and a navigational concept that is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to establish a relative direction by determination of the differences between two directions, as a way to determine an association between two given directions. Furthermore, in light of the teachings in Langer, Gygax, and the Examiner's Official Notice, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the relative direction indicator of the remote viewing apparatus as taught by Langer and Gygax, to be constructed and arranged to calculate the difference between the magnetic directional orientation or one compass module relative to the other in order to indicate a viewing direction of said image capture device on an image display device, relative to an established directional orientation of the image display device, so that a user may readily associate a viewing direction of a

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camera with the image being viewed, in relation to the device on which it is being viewed.

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Langer (US #5,581,930) in view of Park et al. (US #5,782,033.)

Regarding claim 29, Langer teaches all the limitations of claim 29 (see the 102(b) rejection to claim 11 supra), except for teaching wherein said image display device includes means for displaying global positioning location data. However, Langer does teach that the apparatus may be used to collect data and may be used to correct data; data that may then be analyzed and used to provide probability estimates of preferred fish catching locations and times (col. 2 lines 54-58.) Langer also teaches overlaying sensor outputs, as well as displaying a plurality of outputs on a single display (col. 12 lines 36-52.)

Nevertheless, Park is found to teach a fishing device that includes an image display device, sensors of aquatic conditions, and a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver that determines the geographic coordinates indication where the unit is physically located (col. 2 lines 40-59.) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Langer, with the global positioning location data as taught by Park in order to provide for displaying the location where a fish was caught; therefore presenting the potential to return to the same location to catch additional fish at a later time.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Beason et al. (US #6,529,827) discloses a Global Positioning System

(GPS) device that provides heading information as determined by an incorporated compass.

Twinning (US #6,222,449) discloses a remote fishing logging unit that employs a Global Positioning System (GPS) to record information relevant to fishing conditions.

10 Webber (US #6,784,920) discloses a fishing surveillance device.

Olson (US #6,418,376) discloses an electronic compass that provides compass orientation relative to a vehicle.

Blaney (US #4,694,583) discloses an electronic compass, in addition to disclosing superimposing directional information on a display.

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Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C. Vieaux whose telephone number is 703-305-9573. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm.

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